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We have just received belated notice about the limited hearing and comment period, now supposedly over, concerning the proposal to dump some 70,000 metric tons of high-level radioactive waste from all over the country at the Yucca Mountain site.

As members of the National Association of Radiation Survivors, we wish to register our opinion of this extremely dangerous idea. There has not been time to address all the thousands of public comments, many of which may never be sent because people didn't know there was such an early closing date. There has been no Final Environmental Impact Statement which is required by law. No detailed transportation scenario has been figured out, and these very unsafe casks will be passing within half a mile or less of millions of homes and worksites on routes through some 43 states. One small accident could kill thousands upon thousands of people, through no fault of their own. This must be considered carefully, but apparently their safety doesn't matter to the people who want this thing rushed through.

Finally, there have been none of the necessary key regulations set up for the scheme, which means the whole process is worthless. There is no way this thing can work, especially when one considers the seismic faults running all over the area, which would allow leakage of radioactive material into the groundwater eventually. No number of so-called experts can predict exactly how long that will take, but it is certain to take place, and will poison the groundwater for all time.

We urge that this flawed project should be abandoned before any more time and money is wasted on it.....the radioactive waste isn't the only waste going on here. We have visited the atomic test site, on which my husband spent some months flying helicopters in support of the tests, so we know exactly what it is like, and what a poor site it would be for this usage.

Yours truly,

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